(iv)	Meghalaya	69.70%
(v)	Mizoram	86.99%
(vi)	Nagaland	85.43%
(vii)	Tripura	54.79%

(b) Tea Garden is not included in assessing the forest cover by Forest Survey of India as this is considered to be non-forest land use.

(c) Such evictions are resorted to clear the forest land of unauthorised encroachments. The State Government of Assam has informed that no legally settled people are being evicted.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration.

Allotment of Forest Land

*195. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government has allotted forest lands to private industries, in violation of National Forest Policy and Joint Forest Management guidelines, issued by the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh in its Government Order No.112 dated 22.09.2000 has in-principle agreed to a tripartite agreement amongst the Vana Samrakshana Samities, industry and Government of Andhra Pradesh for meeting the demand of forest-based raw material by regenerating the degraded forest areas through Vana Samrakshana Samities.

As this arrangement is not in conformity with the National Forest Policy, 1988 and the principles of Joint Forest Management, the State Government was advised not to go ahead with the proposal.

Train between Anandpur Saheb and Amritsar

*196. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had assured during the Tricentenary

Celebration of the Khalsa at Anandpur Saheb that an express train connecting Anandpur Saheb with Amritsar would be introduced soon; and

(b) if so, by when the proposed train is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Balika Samridhi Yojana

† *197. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount deposited in the Post Office accounts of the girls living below poverty line under Balika Samridhi Yojana from 1999, till date;

(b) the numbers of girls benefited, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have cosidered to double the existing amount of scholarhship; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Balika Samriddhi Yojana envisages that grant due to the girl child under the scheme can be deposited in a Post Office or in a scheduled bank. The amount deposited since 1999 and the number of beneficiaries, as per information received from the States, are provided in the Statement enclosed (See below).

(c) and (d) The Scheme envisages that scholarship to eligible girl child, born on or after 15th August 1997, shall be paid beginning from completion of 1 st year of schooling. Therefore, payment of scholarship is not likely to be due earlier than 2003. As such there is no proposal for enhancing the scholarship.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.